

## *Healing the Sick*

Suppose there were not a doctor or nurse or hospital in your town! Have you ever been real sick or had a bad toothache or earache and had a doctor give you something or do something to make you feel better? Then you know how important a doctor is.

There are many places in our world where there are no hospitals and doctors except the missionaries. In our mission in Africa we have five big mission hospitals in five different towns. Hundreds and thousands of people come to these hospitals for treatment. Many have to stay in the hospitals for operations and treatments, while others come just for medicines and instructions and go back to their villages and homes. Many cannot afford to pay as much as the medicine costs, but the missionary does not want to turn any of them away. The missionary doctor is so kind and when he treats them for whatever disease they have, he also tells them of Jesus who went about healing those who were sick and who loves them and wants them to be well and to love and serve Him.

So it happens that many people have come to know of Jesus because when they were sick they went to the mission hospital or clinic for treatment.

The hospital beds have to be cared for, the nurses have to be trained, medicine has to be bought, the hospital buildings have to be kept in

repair, supplies, bandages, X-ray machines, and dozens of other things have to be provided to keep the hospitals running.

Because Jesus' plan included healing the sick, the missionaries today in many places are keeping hospitals open to take care of the sick people who need medical care so much. Our five big hospitals in Africa, the hospitals in Morelia, Mexico and the new hospital just being built in the frontier section of Brazil, far away from other hospitals and doctors, need lots of money to meet the needs of the people near them. Wouldn't you like to help keep these hospitals open for those who need them so much?